

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDING 31/03/2025

Atherton & Leigh Foodbank Charity Registration 1153333  
c/o St John the Baptist Parish Church  
Market Place  
ATHERTON  
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### TRUSTEES

David William Hughes  
Ian James Gardiner  
Richard Drabble  
Elizabeth Anne Devonport  
Richard Thomas Phelan  
John Robert Matthias  
Thomas Eric Firth  
Paul James Walker Blinkhorn  
Beverley Robinson (Appointed 23/06/2024)

The Charity is run by the Board of Trustees which meets monthly. It employs 4 people  
Full time Project Manager who oversees the day to day activities of the Charity

Full time contracted CAB worker

Part Time Strategic Officer working with Agencies and doing training  
a part time Driver.

The charity works with the Trussell Trust a national charity in the alleviation of food poverty primarily in the UK and accordingly we work according to the Trussell Trust principles and practices.

The new Trustees were recruited last year and have settled down well in their roles. The Trustees have integrated well adding their specific skill sets to the knowledge and running of the Charity. Its activities are as stated in its charity objectives and are as follows:- TO ASSIST PERSONS PRIMARILY IN ATHERTON, TYLDESLEY, LEIGH AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS OR IN OTHER PARTS OF THE UK WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF FOOD TO ENSURE A HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS DIET DURING A PERIOD OF CRISIS WHERE THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE OBTAIN FOOD TO EAT.

In terms of achievements sufficient funds have been maintained to cover the running of the charity for at least another 3 years. Secondly sufficient food has been available throughout the whole of the year to enable us to give out a minimum of 3 days worth of meals for each and every family member who have been in food crisis. We currently still have a large stock of in date food to supply to our clients. In the twelve months we gave out a minimum of 3 days food to 2531 Adults and 1493 Children 16 years and under. This related to collections and donations totalling 52 tonnes whilst distributing 47 tonnes of food leaving a warehouse stock balance of 22 tonnes at 31/03/25. Also various items of personal, hygiene, baby products and clothing plus occasional tents and clothing were also provided. A significant further improvement in the services offered has been the change to a Financial Inclusion Hub financed by Trussell Trust where services from Citizens Advice and CAP (Debt and other welfare assistance) have been available. During this past twelve months the National Government has continued to hand out significant amounts of money to local

government to assist with local welfare initiatives. In our area, as last year, food vouchers have been provided in order to visit local social food market enterprises and this may have caused the drop in the requirement of our Foodbank Services. This resulted in a decrease of approximately 17% but significantly almost a 23% fall with regard to children. This may be as a result of pantry vouchers and school breakfast clubs.

With regard to the Financial Inclusion Hub the Foodbank has been successful in being awarded a further grant in order to offer Citizens Advice availability at every Distribution Centre location over a 5 day week. Furthermore another grant has been awarded to the Foodbank to employ a Strategic Support Officer sometimes known as Relationship Manager in order to promote the ethos of the Foodbank with all our Agencies and working partners.

Many visits were made to local schools, youth organisations and faith groups explaining why the need for a Foodbank, what the Foodbank does and how these groups can help the Foodbank.

During the past twelve months 203 Foodbank clients sought in house advice for 651 independent issues. The Financial gains for these clients is over £268,000.

As stated we are in a healthy financial situation with sufficient reserves to cover all current potential liabilities such as rent, gas and electricity and all other contracts. This includes a new 3 year lease for warehouse premises signed in December 2024 starting on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

In terms of impact for the 2025/2026 year we expect to see a continued lower take-up of Foodbank Food crisis situations but an increase in Financial Hub activities. Our costs will also be increasing next year with new warehouse lease costs and the driver now going full time. However new funding from local companies will cover these increases for this coming financial year.

D W HUGHES  
TRUSTEE





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Atherton and Leigh Foodbank

No (if any)  
11533333

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## Receipts and payments accounts

| For the period<br>from | Period start date | To | Period end date |
|------------------------|-------------------|----|-----------------|
|                        | 01/04/2024        |    | 31/03/2025      |

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
| DONATIONS   | 61,929                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 61,929                          | 76,66                         |
| COLLECTIONS   | 3,379                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 3,379                           | 4,82                          |
| GRANTS RECEIVED                                       | 4,265                                     | 39,900                                  | -                                      | 44,165                          | 52,39                         |
| SPONSORSHIP   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| HMRC - GIFT AID REPAYMENT                             | 2,979                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 2,979                           | 5,70                          |
| SUNDRY INCOME   | 60  | -                                       | -                                      | 60                              | 1,48                          |
| INTEREST RECEIVED                                     | 3,091                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 3,091                           | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>75,703</b>                             | <b>39,900</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>115,603</b>                  | <b>141,07</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>75,703</b>                             | <b>39,900</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>115,603</b>                  | <b>141,07</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
| EMPLOYEE COSTS  | 49,146                                    | 8,185                                   | -                                      | 57,331                          | 41,60                         |
| TRUST ADMINISTRATION                                  | 485                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 485                             | 1,51                          |
| PRINTING & STATIONARY                                 | 172                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 172                             | 15                            |
| EQUIPMENT CLOTHING                                    | 911                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 911                             | 7                             |
| CITIZENS A.B./CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY              | -   | 36,702                                  | -                                      | 36,702                          | 17,53                         |
| DISTRIBUTION CENTRE COSTS                             | 5,983                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 5,983                           | 3,32                          |
| WAREHOUSE COSTS                                       | 22,932                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 22,932                          | 19,46                         |
| TRANSPORT COSTS                                       | 5,970                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 5,970                           | 5,39                          |
| SUNDRY EXPENSES                                       | 782                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 782                             | 45                            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>86,381</b>                             | <b>44,887</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>131,268</b>                  | <b>89,52</b>                  |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>86,381</b>                             | <b>44,887</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>131,268</b>                  | <b>89,52</b>                  |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>- 10,678</b>                           | <b>- 4,987</b>                          | <b>-</b>                               | <b>- 15,665</b>                 | <b>51,55</b>                  |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>130,424</b>                            | <b>37,608</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>168,032</b>                  | <b>116,41</b>                 |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>119,746</b>                            | <b>32,621</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>152,367</b>                  | <b>168,03</b>                 |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories    | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | RBS ACCOUNT  | 14,879                             | 32,621                           | -                               |
|               | 35 DAY SAVINGS ACCOUNT                                 | 103,244                            | -                                | -                               |
|               | CASH & PAYPAL  | 1,622                              | -                                | -                               |
|               | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>119,746</b>                     | <b>32,621</b>                    | <b>-</b>                        |
|               | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |

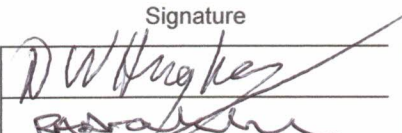

|                          | Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

|                      | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |

|  | Details                  | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | MOTOR VEHICLES 0121      | UNRESTRICTED                | -               | -                        |
|  | COMPUTER - 8/13          | UNRESTRICTED                | -               | -                        |
|  | MOBILE PROJECTOR - 11/14 | UNRESTRICTED                | -               | -                        |
|  |                          |                             | -               | -                        |
|  |                          |                             | -               | -                        |
|  |                          |                             | -               | -                        |
|  |                          |                             | -               | -                        |
|  |                          |                             | -               | -                        |

|                | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities |         |                                 | -                     | -                   |
|                |         |                                 | -                     | -                   |
|                |         |                                 | -                     | -                   |
|                |         |                                 | -                     | -                   |
|                |         |                                 | -                     | -                   |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature   | Print Name      | Date of approval |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
|  | David W Hughes  | 07/06/2025       |
|  | Richard Drabble | 07/06/2025       |





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

ATHERTON AND LEIGH FOODBANK

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1153333

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Name:

Ian Thomas

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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